(SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The number of Changed Number Announcing (CNA) machines ordered by the Department of Telecommunications so far is 183 nos. The capital outlay involved therein is around Rs. 5.0 crores plus taxes.

(b) Four companies were short-listed out of the thirteen companies who submitted tenders viz. M/s Telenet Systems, M|s Sahastratronic Controls, M|s Integrated Electronic Co. and M|s Natelco. A total of 183 nos. (134 nos. of 256 Port and 49 Nos. of 512 port NCSa) were ordered on these companies.

(c) All the major cities in the States of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, North East, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Bihar.

Shifting of Telephones in Delhi

2019. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that transfer of telephones from one exchange to other has been started in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware that a large number of transfer applications are pending in the Capital;

(c) if so, what is the total number of applications, Exchange-wise.

(d) whether a time-limit has been prescribed for granting a transfer and implementing the same;

(e) if so, what is the number of applications that are pending for more than one month;

(f) what are the reasons for keeping these applications unattended for so long;

(g) whether Government are also aware that Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Officials are using the delay tactics to coerce the subscribers for untoward ends; and

(h) if so, what steps Government are taking to streamline the procedure and facilitating telephone transfers within a stipulated period, without harassing the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (h) Sir. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Defective Postal Stationary

2020. KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Defective envelopes put authorities in a fix" appeared in the Statesman dated the 11th January, 1994;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that defective envelopes are being supplied by the post offices in the country;

(c) whether the stationery is being checked before supplying to various post offices; and

(d) if not, who are officials responsible for the defective stationery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Envelopes sold through post office are printed and supplied by the India Security Press, Nashik Road, and Security Printing Press, Hyderabad, which have quality control divisions for monitoring their printed products. Checks are also prescribed for such stationery at the Circle Stamp Depots and respective post offices on receipt from the security printing press. Considering the large quantity of envelopes produced and sold, the percentage of defective envelopes coming into public use has not been very significant.